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SECURITY SYSTEM OF RAILWAY STATIONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the security system of Railway Stations in the country is in chaos due to lack of coordination among the various Government security agencies;

(b) if so, whether due to inadequate security system at these railway stations, the smuggling activities and fake currency business are on the increase;

(c) if so, the number of cases of fake currency detected during the last three months;

(d) whether the Government are taking any remedial steps to improve the security system at the various railway stations keeping in mind the increasing terrorist and smuggling activities in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY O RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) &(c) 'Policing' being a State Subject, it is the responsibility of the State Governments and other specific agencies like Customs Department to deal with smuggling activities and fake currency business. Hence, no further comments are offered.

(d) & (e) Yes, Sir. Following steps have been taken to improve the security system at Railway Stations in view of terrorist and smuggling activities:-

1. All important trains are escorted by GRP armed guards.

2. High profile presence of Police and Security Forces are maintained.

3. Adequate training to security personnel is ensured and they are instructed to remain alert.

4. Regular announcement through Public Address System is made to educate the public about security threats.

5. Surprise check by superior Officers are conducted to ensure alertness of staff deployed.

6. Monitoring of anti social elements through CCTV system have been introduced at important stations.

7. Plain clothes staff are deployed to keep watch on anti-social elements.